

maintained, it is clear that there is substantially more burden on Applicants by imposing the present Election than on the Patent Office if the Requirement were withdrawn.

In addition, it is noted that to require the claims of the various Species to issue in separate patents would result in inconvenience to the public by necessitating reference to more than one patent during searching, to review closely related subject matter.

Therefore, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is warranted.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement are respectfully requested.

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